Completion of Project

†2469. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any such projects are pending with Government which were started during the First Five Year Plan and are still incomplete in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for completion of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) There is no such project on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost overrun of Central projects

2470. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far identified the Central projects which have had cost overrun and time overrun during April—December, 2002;

(b) the excess expenditure caused as a result thereof;

(c) whether the factors responsible for this have been identified; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

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(b) As on 31st December 2002, the anticipated increase in the cost of projects monitored by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on account of cost and time overruns was of the order of Rs.46,518 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The measures taken with a view to completion of projects within the approved time and cost parameters are as follows:

(i) Adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project reports before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have fully been tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects by the Government on monthly/ quarterly basis;

(iv) Follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to acquisition of land, rehabilitation-related issues, forest clearances, provision of infrastructure facilities and ensuring law & order at project sittes;

(v) setting up of Empowered Committees in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving outstanding problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issuance of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Work under MPLADS in Madhya Pradesh

†2471. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding works sanctioned under

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